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In response to that restriction requirement, applicants' undersigned representative made a provisional election during a telephone conference with the Examiner on July 14, 2004 to prosecute the invention of Group I (i.e., claims 21-23) in this application. Applicants' undersigned representative hereby confirms that this provisional election was specifically made with traverse, since no adequate basis therefor has yet been set forth in the record.

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